

REMARKS**Allowable Subject Matter**

In the August 5, 2005 Advisory Action, Examiner Davis found claims 1-2 and 26-27 to be free of prior art and allowable.

Rejections of Claims

In the August 5, 2005 Advisory Action, claims 20 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicant has cancelled these claims thereby obviating this rejection. As such, applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

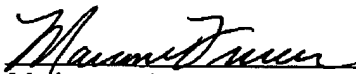
Rejoining of Method Claims

Applicant is reminding the Office that rejoinder was requested early in the prosecution of this application, and as such, is requesting that method claims 13, 23, and 29-31, that depend from products claims that have been found allowable and include all the limitations of the product claims, be rejoined and examined according to the guidelines set forth in Section 821.04 of the MPEP.

Conclusion

Applicant has satisfied the requirements for patentability. All pending claims are free of the art and fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. It therefore is requested that Examiner Davis reconsider the patentability of all pending claims in light of the distinguishing remarks herein, and withdraw all rejections, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Notice of the same is earnestly solicited. In the event that any issues remain, Examiner Davis is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to resolve same.

Respectfully submitted,



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